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Navy Admiral Named to USD Board

SAN DIEGO. . . The appointment of Rear Admiral Gerald E. Thomas, USN, to the Board of Trustees of the University of San Diego has been announced by Dr. Author E. Hughes, University president.

Thomas is currently commander of the Pacific Fleet's Training Command, based in San Diego, a post he has held since 1978. He has also served as director of the Near East, Africa, and South Asia Regions for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, a two-year assignment during which he was closely involved in efforts leading to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. Previous assignments include the commands of a cruiser destroyer group and the first Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit.

The recipient of numerous service awards, among them the Defense Superior Service and Meritorious Service medals, Thomas is a graduate of Harvard, George Washington University, and Yale, from which he holds a doctorate in diplomatic history. He and Mrs. Thomas, the former Rhoda H. Henderson, have made their home in San Diego since 1978. Two of their three children are pursuing professional degrees, Kenneth in medicine at Howard University, and Steven in law at Boston College. Daughter Lisa, a 1980 graduate of Boston University, is currently employed at

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General Dynamics in San Diego.

In announcing Thomas' appointment, Hughes described the admiral as a welcome and illustrious addition to an already distinguished group. "He exemplifies," Hughes said, "the qualities the University looks for in its leadership. His academic background, outstanding record of service, and concern for the formation of character in young men and women mark him as a man of the highest calibre."

The University of San Diego, located in Alcala Park overlooking Mission Bay, currently enrolls some 5,000 students in its undergraduate programs and in professional schools in business, law, education, and nursing. The Board of Trustees is composed of the laity, the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and the clergy. Among its thirty-four members, in addition to Adm. Thomas, are San Diegans Bishop Leo T. Maher, Chairman; Dr. Anita Figueredo, vice-chairman; Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, secretary; Dr. Manuel Barba; Mr. Thomas C. Barger; Rev. Robert T. Callahan; Mr. James W. Colachis; Mrs. Helen K. Copley; Mr. Daniel W. Derbes; Mr. Kim Fletcher; Mrs. Phillip Y. Hahn; Mr. Bruce R. Hazard; Dr. Author E. Hughes, USD president; Mr. Peter J. Hughes; Dr. Edmund L. Keeney; Mrs. Ray Kroc; Mr. Douglas F. Manchester; Mr. George M. Pardee, Jr.; Mr. O. Morris Sievert; Msgr. William D. Spain; Mr. A. Eugene Trepte; Mr. Richard P. Woltman; and Mr. Walter Zable.

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